Ø 001/015

MAR 24 2006

FAX	DIRECTY		
Attention:	Group Art Unit: 2616  Examiner: CHIN, Wellington	Fax:	
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE Phone		Phone:	(571) 272-3134
Pages:	Cover + 2 + 1 + 11 = 15	Date:	March 24, 2006
From:	Georgann S. Grunebach Assistant General Counsel		(310) 964-0941 (310) 964-4615

The information contained in this facsimile is confidential and may also contain privileged attorney-client information or work product. The information is intended only for the use of the individual or entity to which it is addressed. If you are not the intended recipient, or the employee or agent responsible to deliver it to the intended recipient, you are hereby notified that any use, dissemination, distribution or copying of this communication is strictly prohibited. If you have received the facsimile in error, please immediately notify us by telephone, and return the original message to us at the address below via the U.S. Postal Service. Thank you.

#### CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION UNDER 37 CFR 1.8

I hereby certify that this correspondence identified below is being facsimile transmitted to (571) 273-8300 (Centralized Facsimile Number), addressed to: Mail Stop Americana, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on March 24 2006.

Telephone No. (310) 964-4615

Georgann S. Grunebach, Reg. No. 33,179 (Printed Name of Person Signing Certificate) March 24, 2006 (Date of Signature)

Attention: Commissioner for Patents

Attorney Docket No. PD-202074

Please find attached Re:

Serial No.: 10/532,631

I.A. Filing Date: October 20, 2003

371(c) Date:

April 25, 2005

- INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (2 pages)
- > SUBSTITUTE PTO FORM 1449 (1 page)
- ➤ NON-PATENT LITERATURE (11 pages)

#### PLEASE CONFIRM RECEIPT OF THIS FACSIMILE

If you do not receive all pages, or pages are not clear, please call Karen Lum at (310) 984-0735.

# RECEIVED **CENTRAL FAX CENTER**

MAR 2 4 2006

Patent PD-202074 Customer No. 020991

### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Paul R. Anderson

I hereby certify that this correspondence is

being transmitted to facsimile number (571) 273-8300 (Centralized Facsimile

Number) addressed to:

Serial No.:

10/532,631

I.A. Filing Date:

October 20, 2003

371 (c) Date:

April 25, 2005

For: FEEDER LINK

**CONFIGURATIONS TO SUPPORT:** 

LAYERED MODULATION FOR

**DIGITAL SIGNALS** 

Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA

223/3/-1450, on/the date below.

Georgann S. Grunebach

Typed or printed name of person signing certificate

Group Art Unit:

2616

Examiner:

CHIN, Wellington

Date: March 24, 2006

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The references cited on the enclosed form PTO/SB/08A may be relevant or material to the examination of the above-identified patent application and are, therefore, submitted in compliance with the duty of disclosure defined in 37 CFR 1.56. It is respectfully requested that the references be considered and made of record in the application identified above.

Citation number 1 was cited in a foreign EPO office action dated February 2, 2006 in the European counterpart application of related U.S. patent application serial number 09/844,401 filed on April 27, 2001.

Citation number 2 was cited in a foreign EPO office action dated February 2, 2006 in the counterpart European application of related U.S. patent application serial number 10/068,039 filed on February 5, 2002.

Serial No. 10/532,631......Page 2

This statement should be considered because it is being submitted before the mailing of a first Office action on the merits under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, it is submitted that no fee is due in this matter.

However, if it is determined that any appropriate fee is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0383 of Hughes Electronics Corporation, El Segundo, California.

This Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has recently been made, that additional information material to the examination of this application does not exist, or that this citation constitutes prior art.

Respectfully submitted,

Georgann S. Grunebach, Reg. No. 33,179

The DIRECTV Group, Inc. RE/R11/A109
P. O. Box 956
El Segundo, CA 90245

Telephone No. (310) 964-4615

March 24, 2006

PTO/SB/08B (08-03) Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERICE Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of Information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449/PTO	Complete if Known	
INFORMATION DIGGLOCUES	Application Number	10/532,631
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE	371 (c) Filing Date	April 25, 2005
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT (Use as many sheets as necessary)	First Named Inventor	Paul Anderson
(Use as many shoots as necessary)	Art Unit	2616
	Examiner Name	CHIN, Wellington
Sheet 1 of 1	Attorney Docket Number	PD-202074

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS				
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the Item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volumne-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	Т	
	1	MEYR, HEINRICH et al.; "Digital Communication Receivers: Synchronization, Channel Estimation, and Signal Processing"; John Wiley & Sons, Inc.; 1998, pages 212-213 and 217-218; XP 002364874		
	2	MEYR, HEINRICH et al.; "Digital Communication Receivers: Synchronization, Channel Estimation, and Signal Processing"; John Wiley & Sons, Inc.; 1998, pages 610-612; XP 002364876		

Examiner	Date	
Signature	Considered	
1		

<sup>\*</sup>EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.